

## **WEST VALLEY CITY, UTAH**

### **PROCLAMATION**

#### **A PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 22, 2009 AS *LIGHTS ON AFTER SCHOOL DAY* IN WEST VALLEY CITY.**

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of West Valley City stand firmly committed to quality after-school programs and opportunities because they:

- Provide safe, challenging, engaging and fun learning experiences to help children and youth develop their social, emotional, physical, cultural and academic skills.
- Support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends.
- Build stronger communities by involving our students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of our young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among children, youth, families and adults.
- Engage families, schools and diverse community partners in advancing the welfare of our children.

**WHEREAS**, the Community Education Partnership of West Valley City has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality after-school programs are key to helping our children become successful adults; and

**WHEREAS**, *Lights on After School*, a national celebration of after-school programs on October 22<sup>nd</sup> promotes the critical importance of quality after-school programs in the lives of children, their families and their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 28 million children in the U.S. have parents who work outside the home, and 14.3 million children have no place to go after school; and

**WHEREAS**, many after-school programs across the country are facing funding shortfalls so severe that they are being forced to close their doors and turn off their lights.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Dennis J. Nordfelt, Mayor of West Valley City, do hereby proclaim October 22, 2009, as *Lights on After School Day*; and further proclaim that this Mayor and City Council enthusiastically endorses *Lights on After School* and commits our community to engage in innovative after-school programs and activities that ensure the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after school.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of October, 2009.

**WEST VALLEY CITY**

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**MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**CITY RECORDER**